

On motion of Mr. Partridge,
The order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hall,
The rules were suspended to enable him to submit the following

REPORT.

The majority of the committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the expediency of referring to the people for their action a prohibitory liquor law, beg leave to report.

The committee, aware of the magnitude of the subject, and the deep interest that has been manifested by the people therein, have given it that serious and deliberate investigation which it so deservedly demands.

Believing that stringent legislation injures rather than promotes any moral action, and that sausory and mild means are more conducive to that end, your committee would respectfully suggest, that in their opinion a modification in the license law would better subserve the purpose had in view than an entire prohibition. Your committee further believe, that no practical advantage would result by referring this subject to the people for their action by reason of the great excitement that has been produced in other States upon this subject without advancing the cause in the most minute degree. Your committee therefore beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which was read and adopted.

The order of the day being, a bill entitled, an act to simplify and abridge the rules and forms of conveyancing.

Mr. Wickes moved that the consideration of this bill be made the order of Thursday next, and that the suggestions of the committee be printed, and also that upon the further consideration of this bill that the House dispense with the reading of any part except said suggestions.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennedy from the Committee on Ways and Means reported favorably a bill entitled, an act for the more speedy and convenient adjustment and collection of debts due the State.

A bill entitled, an act to authorise certain Trustees or their successors, or the survivors of them, to sell and convey the Parsonage house and lot of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Greensborough circuit, and to purchase another parsonage house and lot with the proceeds of said sale;

Which was read the first time.